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Introduction

How to answer the questionnaire:

There are no right or wrong answers to these questions – only your personal assessment is of importance to us.

Please fill out the questionnaire by yourself. We assure you that the information will be treated as strictly confidential.

Please proceed line for line, question for question. Do not skip any question unless the text expressly instructs you to do so.

Here are two examples:
(omitted)

We hope you enjoy filling in the questionnaire!

Values and Preferences

Attitudes and opinions regarding family and partnership

Question
1

There are different general attitudes about family and family life. We've listed some statements here. Please tell me to what extent you personally agree with these statements.

Variable
pval1_

- pval1i1 Parents and children should support each other mutually for a lifetime.
pval1i2 You should get married if you permanently live with your partner.
pval1i3 Women should be more concerned about their family than about their career.
pval1i4 Men should participate in housework to the same extent as women.
pval1i5 A child under age 6 will suffer from having a working mother.
pval1i6 Children often suffer because their fathers spend too much time at work.
pval1i7 Marriage is a lifelong union which should not be broken.
pval1i8 Couples should marry at the latest after a child is born.

Completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Completely agree

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
2

How satisfied are you with the following domains in your life?

Variable
psat1_

- psat1i1 School, education, career
psat1i2 Leisure activities, hobbies, interests
psat1i3 Friends, social contacts
psat1i4 Family

Very dissatisfied 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Very satisfied

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
3

Variable
psrs1_

Please look at these five life goals and domains. How important are these to you personally at the moment?

You have 15 importance points to distribute among the five goals and domains.

The more important a goal or domain is to you at the moment, the more importance points you should assign to it. If something is absolutely unimportant to you at the moment, don't assign it any points.

- | | | |
|---------|--|-----------|
| psrs1i1 | Pursuing my education or career interests | __ Points |
| psrs1i2 | Pursuing my hobbies and personal interests | __ Points |
| psrs1i3 | Keeping in touch with friends | __ Points |
| psrs1i4 | Living in a partnership | __ Points |
| psrs1i5 | Having a(nother) child | __ Points |

No answer -2

Question
6

Variable
psat4

What do you think: how satisfied is your partner with your relationship?

- Very dissatisfied 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Very satisfied
- Don't know* -1
No answer -2
-

Question
7

Variable
ppa9

Do you intend to move in with your partner or to establish a common household within the next 12 months?

- Yes, definitely 1
Yes, perhaps 2
No, probably not 3
No, definitely not 4
- We haven't discussed that yet. 5
We're already living together. 6
- Don't know* -1
No answer -2
-

Question
8

Variable
ppa11

Are you and your partner planning to get married within the next 12 months?

- Yes, definitely 1
Yes, perhaps 2
No, probably not 3
No, definitely not 4
- We haven't discussed that yet. 5
We're already married. 6
- Don't know* -1
No answer -2
-

Question
9
Variable
ppa13

Have you and your partner seriously considered having children?

Yes 1

No 2

We already have a child/children. 6

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Division of Labor

Now we would like to know about how you and your partner organize your daily lives.

Question
10

Variable
ppa14_

To what extent do you and your partner share duties in the following domains?
If you have a housemaid, nanny, or similar household help, then refer in your answers only to the portion of the work done by you and/or your partner.

- ppa14i1 Housework (washing, cooking, cleaning)
ppa14i2 Shopping
ppa14i3 Home and auto repairs
ppa14i4 Financial and administrative matters
ppa14i5 Taking care of the children

- (Almost) completely, my partner 1
For the most part, my partner 2
Split about 50/50 3
For the most part, me 4
(Almost) completely, me 5
- Another person 6
Doesn't apply to our situation 7
- Don't know* -1
No answer -2
-

Question
11

Variable
ppa15

Looking at both housework and paid work: How fair is the division of labor between you and your partner?

- I do **much more** than my fair share. 1
I do a **bit more** than my fair share. 2
I do **about** my fair share. 3
I do a **bit less** than my fair share. 4
I do **much less** than my fair share. 5
- Doesn't apply to our situation 7
- Don't know* -1
No answer -2
-

Question
14

How often do you and your partner disagree in the following areas?

Variable
ppa21_

- ppa21i1 Spending leisure time
- ppa21i2 The division of chores between you and your partner (e.g., housework, child care)
- ppa21i3 Financial matters
- ppa21i4 Your involvement, or that of your partner, in career, education, school
- ppa21i5 The question of how you relate with each other (jealousy, fairness, respect)
- ppa21i6 Questions concerning parenting

Almost never or never 1 2 3 4 5 Very often

Does not apply to us 7

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
15

Variable
ppa22_

What happens when you have a disagreement with your partner? Please indicate how often each of you engaged in the following behaviors. When answering, please refer to the past six months.

Did your partner...

- ppa22pi1 insult or verbally abuse you?
- ppa22pi2 fall into silence?
- ppa22pi3 yell at you?
- ppa22pi4 listen to and ask questions of you in order to understand better?
- ppa22pi5 refuse to talk about the subject?
- ppa22pi6 immediately feel insulted?
- ppa22pi7 try to shift blame or guilt?
- ppa22pi8 endeavor to clarify his or her own position to you?

Did you...

- ppa22ri1 insult or abuse your partner?
- ppa22ri2 fall into silence?
- ppa22ri3 yell at your partner?
- ppa22ri4 listen to and ask questions of your partner in order to understand better?
- ppa22ri5 refuse to talk about the subject?
- ppa22ri6 immediately feel insulted?
- ppa22ri7 try to shift blame or guilt?
- ppa22ri8 endeavor to clarify your own position to your partner?

Almost never or never 1 2 3 4 5 Very often

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
18

Variable
ppa26

Did you think that your relationship or marriage was in trouble during the past year?

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
19

Variable
pa27

Did you seriously consider a separation or a divorce during the past year?

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
20

Variable
pa28

Did you seriously propose a separation or divorce to your partner during the past year?

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Contraception

Now a few questions about contraception.

Question
24

Did you or your partner use some form of contraception in the past three months?

Variable
psex5

Yes 1

No 2

I'm pregnant/my partner is pregnant 7

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
25

You just stated that you used some form of contraception within the past 3 months. What method(s) did you or your partner use primarily? You may indicate more than one method.

Variable
psex6_

psex6i1 Birth control pill, mini pill

psex6i2 Condom

psex6i3 Hormone preparations

psex6i4 Intrauterine device (IUD)

psex6i5 Diaphragm, foam, suppository, gel

psex6i6 Natural birth control (standard days method, rhythm method)

psex6i7 Hysterectomy (female sterilization)

psex6i8 Vasectomy (male sterilization)

psex6i9 Withdrawal method, coitus interruptus

psex6i10 "The morning after pill"

psex6i11 Something else

Reason not mentioned 0

Reason mentioned 1

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents who practiced contraception during the past 3 months (psex5=1)

Question
26

Variable
psex7

Please consider the last 3 months:
How consistently did you or your partner use contraception?

Very inconsistently 1 2 3 4 5 Very consistently

Don't know -1
No answer -2

Respondent who used contraception in the last 3 months (psex5=1)

Question
27

Variable
pfrt1

Some people are not able to procreate naturally.
As far as you know, is it possible for you to conceive naturally?

Definitely yes 1
Probably yes 2
Probably not 3
Definitely not 4

Don't know -1
No answer -2

All respondents who didn't tick that they are pregnant/their partner is pregnant (psex5!=7)

Question
28

Variable
psat5

All in all, how satisfied are you with your sex life?

Very dissatisfied 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Very satisfied

Don't know -1
No answer -2

Fertility Plans

The following questions are about your attitudes and plans regarding children.

Question
29

Assuming ideal circumstances: How many children would you like to have altogether?

Variable
pfrt5

__ _ Children

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
30

When you think realistically about having (additional) children, how many (more) children do you think you will have? Please do not include the children you already have.

Variable
pfrt6

No (additional) children 7

One (additional) child 1

Two (additional) children 2

Three (additional) children 3

Four or more (additional) children 4

I'm not sure. 5

I haven't thought about that 6

No Answer -2

Question
31

Variable
pfrt13_

You have just stated that you don't want to have any (additional) children. What is the most important reason (or reasons) for this decision?

You may indicate a maximum of three reasons from the following list.

- pfrt13i1 My state of health does not permit it.
- pfrt13i2 I already have the number of children I would like to have.
- pfrt13i3 I'm single and live alone.
- pfrt13i4 It would conflict with my job goals.
- pfrt13i5 I would have to give up too much leisure time.
- pfrt13i6 It would reduce my personal freedom.
- pfrt13i7 I wouldn't be able to afford as much as I do now.
- pfrt13i8 I worry too much about what kind of future my children would have.
- pfrt13i9 I wouldn't be able to enjoy my life as much as before.
- pfrt13i10 I'm too old/ My partner is too old.
- pfrt13i11 My partner doesn't want (more) children.
- pfrt13i12 My relationship isn't working as well as I wish.
- pfrt13i13 An (additional) child would overburden me.
- pfrt13i14 Other: _____ (pfrt13i14o)

Reason not mentioned 0

Reason mentioned 1

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Only respondents who think they will have no (more) children (pfrt6=7)

Question
32

Variable
pfrt7

Do you intend to become a mother/father (again) in the next two years?

Yes definitely 1

Yes, perhaps 2

No, probably not 3

No, definitely not 4

I haven't thought about that. 7

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents considering having a(nother) child (pfrt6=1 2 3 4 5 -2)

Question
33

When you think realistically about having (additional) children, when do you think you will have your first (or next) child?

Variable
pfrt9

At the age of _ _

I haven't thought about that. 97

No answer -2

Respondents considering having a(nother) child (pfrt6=1 2 3 4 5 -2)

Question
34

Besides your partner and yourself, others may have an opinion about whether or not you should have a(nother) child. Please indicate how strongly you agree with the following statements.

Variable
pfrt10_

pfrt10i1 Most of my friends think that I should have a(nother) child.

pfrt10i2 My parents think that I should have a(nother) child.

Disagree completely 1 2 3 4 5 Agree completely

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
35

In order to have a (an additional) child, it might be necessary to abstain from certain things. Currently, how strongly would you be willing to cut back on or abstain from the following things?

Variable
pfrt12_

pfrt12i1 School, education, career

pfrt12i2 Leisure activities, hobbies, interests

pfrt12i3 Friends, social contacts

pfrt12i4 Partnership

Not at all 1 2 3 4 5 Very strongly

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Leisure Time

Now some questions about your leisure time.

**Question
36**

Variable
plsr1_
plsr2
plsr3
plsr4

Please indicate how often you engage in each of the following activities.

- plsr1i1 Go to cafés, bars, restaurants
plsr1i2 Do sports
plsr1i3 Go to a disco
plsr1i4 Meet with friends

- Daily 1
At least once a week 2
At least once a month 3
Seldom 4
Never 5

Don't know -1
No answer -2

Watch television

plsr2 _ _ _ hours last week

- Never 995
Don't know -1
No answer -2

Personal internet use

plsr3 _ _ _ hours last week

- Never 995
Don't know -1
No answer -2

Vacation trips

plsr4 _ _ weeks/year

- Never 995
Don't know -1
No answer -2

Question
37

Variable
pper1_

Now we would like to learn a bit about how you see yourself.
I will now show you a list of different characteristics a person can have. Please indicate using the following scale to what extent these characteristics apply to you.

pper1i1	I often agree with others, even if I'm not sure.						
pper1i2	Sometimes I believe that I'm worthless.						
pper1i3	I become angry very quickly.						
pper1i4	I feel inhibited in the presence of others.						
pper1i5	I often change my mind after hearing what others think.						
pper1i6	I feel lonely.						
pper1i7	I like myself just the way I am.						
pper1i8	I work myself up into a quarrel easily.						
pper1i9	I feel shy in the presence of others.						
pper1i10	I strongly tend to follow the wishes of others.						
pper1i11	When others irritate me, I get angry quickly.						
pper1i12	I approach other people easily.						
pper1i13	All in all, I am pleased with myself.						
Not at all		1	2	3	4	5	Absolutely
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<i>Don't know</i>					<input type="checkbox"/>	-1
	<i>No answer</i>					<input type="checkbox"/>	-2

Sociodemographics

In conclusion, a few personal details.

Question 38	When were you born?		
Variable	pdobd	Day:	---
pdob_	pdobm	Month:	---
	pdoby	Year:	----

Question 39	Are you...		
Variable	Male		<input type="checkbox"/> 1
psex	Female		<input type="checkbox"/> 2
	<i>No Answer</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> -2

Question 40	What is your current marital status?		
Variable	Single		<input type="checkbox"/> 1
psd10	Married		<input type="checkbox"/> 2
	Civil union		<input type="checkbox"/> 3
	Separated / dissolved civil union		<input type="checkbox"/> 4
	Widowed		<input type="checkbox"/> 5
	<i>Don't know</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> -1
	<i>No answer</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> -2

Question
41

Variable
psd27

What is the highest level of school education you attained?

- Still go to school 0
 - Left school without a certificate 1
 - Secondary general school leaving certificate (Hauptschule, Volksschule) 2
 - Intermediate school leaving certificate (Realschule, Mittlere Reife) 3
 - School leaving certificate from medium-level secondary school (Polytechnische
Oberschule 10th grade, before 1965: 8th grade) 5
 - Entrance qualification for universities of applied sciences (also Fachober-
schule) 6
 - General or subject-specific university entrance qualification (Abitur, Gymna-
sium or EOS, also EOS with apprenticeship) 7
 - Other school leaving certificate: _____ (psd27o) 8

 - Don't know* -1
 - No answer* -2
-

Question
42

Variable
psd23_

Which descriptions fit your current education and employment situation? You can pick multiple answers.

- psd23i2 Evening school, working on a school leaving certificate for adults
- psd23i3 Vocational training / apprenticeship
- psd23i4 Vocational retraining / continuing education
- psd23i5 University of cooperative education (also "Berufsakademie")
- psd23i6 University of applied sciences, college, university
- psd23i7 Pre-vocational training
- psd23i8 Technical/professional school (e.g., certified master craftsman, certified technician)
- psd23i9 Other education
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- psd23i10 Full-time employment
- psd23i11 Self-employment
- psd23i12 Part-time employment (also multiple part-time jobs)
- psd23i13 Internship, trainee, work experience etc. (including unpaid work)
- psd23i14 Marginal part-time employment, mini-job, "Ein-Euro-Job" ("one-euro job", when receiving unemployment benefits)
- psd23i15 Occasionally or irregularly employed
- psd23i16 Other type of job
-
- psd23i17 Maternity or paternity leave or other leave of absence
- psd23i18 Military service, alternative civilian service, voluntary social service year
- psd23i19 Unemployed, seeking employment
- psd23i20 Housewife / househusband
- psd23i21 Retired, occupational disability
- psd23i22 Other, not employed
-
- Reason not mentioned 0
- Reason mentioned 1
-
- Don't know* -1
- No answer* -2
-

Question
43

Variable
pjob2

What is your current occupational status? If you have more than one occupation, please answer this question only for your current main occupation.

Self-employed (also: unpaid family workers)

- Self-employed farmers with no employees 10
- Self-employed farmers with 1 - 9 employees 11
- Self-employed farmers with 10 and more employees 12
- Self-employed academic professionals / "freie Berufe" with no employees ... 13
- Self-employed academic professionals / "freie Berufe" with 1 - 9 employees . 14
- Self-employed academic professionals / "freie Berufe" with 10 or more employees 15
- Other self-employed with no employees 20
- Other self-employed with 1 - 9 employees 21
- Other self-employed with 10 or more employees 22
- Unpaid family workers 30

Civil servants / public administration (incl. judges and career soldiers)

- Lower level (up to and including "Oberamstmeister") 40
- Middle level (from "Assistent" up to "Hauptsekretär / Amtsinspektor") 41
- Upper level (from "Inspektor" up to "Oberamtmann / Oberamtsrat") 42
- Higher level (from "Regierungsrat" upward) 43

White-collar workers

- Industry and works foremen in a salaried position 50
- Employees with simple duties (e.g., salesperson, clerk, stenographer) 51
- Employees with qualified duties (e.g., executive officer, accountant, technical draftsman) 52
- Employees with highly qualified duties or managerial functions (e.g., scientist, attorney, head of department) 53
- Employees with extensive managerial duties (e.g., manager, managing director, executive of a large firm or corporation) 54

Blue-collar workers (also in farming)

- Untrained workers 60
- Workers with on-the-job training 61
- Formally trained and specialized workers 62
- Foremen 63
- Master craftsmen 64

Apprentices / Trainees and interns

- Apprentices/ trainees in trade, commerce, or public administration 70
- Apprentices/ trainees in crafts and production 71
- Apprentices/ trainees in home economics or agriculture 72
- Civil servants in training 73
- Volunteers, interns, etc. 74

Not of the above apply at the moment 97

No answer -2

Question
44

Variable
pinc2

What was your personal net income last month?

Net income in Euro: _ _ _ _ _

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Doesn't apply -3

If you can't give the exact amount of your net income, please indicate one of the categories below.

up to 500 Euro 1

501 - 1,000 Euro 2

1,001 - 1,500 Euro 3

1,501 - 2,000 Euro 4

2,001 - 2,500 Euro 5

2,501 - 3,000 Euro 6

3,001 - 3,500 Euro 7

3,501 - 4,000 Euro 8

4,001 - 4,500 Euro 9

4,501 - 5,000 Euro 10

more than 5,000 Euro 11

No answer -2

Doesn't apply -3

Health, Religion, Satisfaction

Question
45

How would you describe your health status in the past 4 weeks?

Variable
phlt1

Bad 1

Not so good 2

Satisfactory 3

Good 4

Very good 5

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
46

How often did you feel down and melancholy in the past four weeks?

Variable
phlt2

Never 1

Seldom 2

Sometimes 3

Often 4

Always 5

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
47

How tall are you (in cm)?

Variable
phlt3

_____ cm

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
48

How much do you weigh (in kg)?

Variable
phlt4

___ kg

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
49

On average, how many hours do you sleep at night during the work week?

Variable
phlt7

__ __ __ hours

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
50

Are you legally handicapped or disabled?

Variable
phlt5

Yes 1

No 2

Question
51

To what extent are you legally handicapped or disabled?

Variable
phlt6

__ __ __ %

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents qualified as handicapped or as being unable to work (phlt5=1)

Question
52

What is your religion?

Variable
psd30

Christian, Roman Catholic 1

Christian, German protestant 2

Islam 3

Judaism 4

Other Christian denomination or group 5

Other religion or religious group 6

No religion 7

Don't know -1

No answer -2
